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**RE: Total number of Police Use of Force Complaints and Arrest Data reported to California Department of Justice**

Dear Mr. Sinyangwe,

The information contained in this letter is being provided to you in response to your request to obtain data or inspect government records that may be in the possession of the Redwood City Police Department as detailed in your written correspondence sent to the Redwood City Police Department on July 26, 2019, under the California Public Records Act (CPRA), California Government Code §§6250 et seq. In your CPRA you requested the following as part of the information you wished to receive:

1. The total number of police uses of force in 2018, broken down by type of force used (i.e. number of uses of Tasers, number of uses of baton, etc.)
2. The total number of use of force complaints reported by civilians in 2018
3. The total number of use of force complaints reported by civilians that were sustained in 2018
4. All arrests data reported to the California Department of Justice via the Monthly Arrests and Citation Register program covering arrests made in 2017 and 2018, including (but not limited to) the age, race/ethnicity, gender, offense category (felony, misdemeanor, status offense), charge and disposition of arrestees.

Please see our response to your CPRA request below:

Requested Item #1:

*The total number of police uses of force in 2018, broken down by type of force used (i.e. number of uses of Tasers, number of uses of baton, etc.)*

Redwood City Police Department Response #1:

The information you wish to receive in this section is **27** reportable uses of force. Below you will find are the totals broken down by type of force used in 2018.

Force Type	Number of Incidents
Firearm	1
Taser	11
40mm Les Lethal	0
K9 Bite / Take Down	0
Baton	2
OC	0
Control Holds / Take Downs	13

Requested Item #2:

*The total number of use of force complaints reported by civilians in 2018*

Redwood City Police Department Response #2:

The information you wish to receive in this section is **2** citizen complaints investigated.

Request Item #3:

*The total number of use of force complaints reported by civilians that were sustained in 2018*

Redwood City Police Department Response #3:

The information you wish to receive in this section is **0** findings of sustained policy violations for use of force.

Request Item #4:

*All arrests data reported to the California Department of Justice via the Monthly Arrests and Citation Register program covering arrests made in 2017 and 2018, including (but not limited to) the age, race/ethnicity, gender, offense category (felony, misdemeanor, status offense), charge and disposition of arrestees.*

Redwood City Police Department Response #4:

The Public Records Act does not require a public entity to create new documents or reports that are not used or produced in the normal scope of business (Government Code § 6252(e); *Haynie v. Superior Court* (2001) 26 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 1061). However, to the extent that we can identify documents (or prepare a report) containing the information sought, we work to do so. Similarly, we will often answer questions as a courtesy. I'm including Appendix A and B containing the information available in our system under the spirit of that commitment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (650) 780-7154.

Sincerely,

Dan Mulholland  
Chief of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Genevieve Nguy', written over the printed name.

Genevieve Nguy  
Records Supervisor

Attachments:

Appendix A, Excel Spreadsheet 2017 Arrest

Appendix B, Excel Spreadsheet 2018 Arrest

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